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PATENT  
Docket No. 56842US002

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s):	MITTLESTADT et al.	)	Group Art Unit:	3743
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Serial No.:	09/888,943	)	Examiner:	Nihir B. Patel
Confirmation No.:	9282	)		
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Filed:	25 June 2001	)		
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For:	RESPIRATOR VALVE	)		

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

**Mail Stop RCE**  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed 28 December 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on the page entitled "Amendments to the Claims."

Remarks begin on the page entitled "Remarks."